

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 19, 2008

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 103**

**Introduced by Senator Cogdill**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Villines)

April 10, 2008

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 103—Relative to the Senator  
~~Charles S.~~ *Chuck* Poochigian Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 103, as amended, Cogdill. Senator ~~Charles S.~~ *Chuck* Poochigian Highway.

This measure would designate a prescribed section of State Highway Route 180 as the ~~“Senator Charles S. Senator Chuck Poochigian Highway.”~~ *Highway*. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs so designating that section of State Highway Route 180 and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1     WHEREAS, Charles S. “Chuck” Poochigian is a third generation  
2     resident of central California who was born and raised on a family  
3     farm in the Lone Star area of eastern Fresno County, between  
4     Fresno and Sanger, near the Highway 180 corridor; and  
5     WHEREAS, Chuck and his wife, Debbie, were married in 1977  
6     and have three grown children, a daughter-in-law, and a grandson;  
7     and  
8     WHEREAS, Chuck Poochigian received his ~~bachelors~~  
9     *bachelor’s* degree in Business Administration from California  
10    State University, Fresno; in 1972, and his law degree from the

1 Santa Clara University School of Law in 1975, he served for six  
2 years as a member of the California Air National Guard, and he  
3 practiced general civil and business law from 1975 until November;  
4 1988; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1988, Poochigian was chosen by Governor  
6 George Deukmejian to serve on his senior staff, and assisted the  
7 Governor in the selection of key administration officials and  
8 members of over 375 state boards and commissions, as well as  
9 certain judicial appointments; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1991, Governor Pete Wilson named Poochigian  
11 as his Appointments Secretary, with the primary focus on assisting  
12 the Governor in his selection of judges for California's trial and  
13 appellate courts; and

14 WHEREAS, Poochigian was elected to the California State  
15 Assembly in 1994, and to the California State Senate in 1998, and  
16 over the course of his legislative career he represented eastern  
17 parts of central California from Bakersfield to Lodi; and

18 WHEREAS, As a legislator, Poochigian focused his energy on  
19 major public policy issues while being attentive to the particular  
20 needs of his constituents in the rich agricultural region of central  
21 California, and held key positions including serving as the Chair  
22 of the *Assembly* Appropriations Committee, as the Assistant  
23 Republican Leader in the Assembly, as the Republican Caucus  
24 Chair and the Assistant Republican Leader in the Senate, and as  
25 a legislative appointee to the Little Hoover Commission appointed  
26 by both Democratic and Republican leaders; and

27 WHEREAS, Poochigian received numerous awards and  
28 recognition for outstanding public service, including an  
29 Outstanding Senator Award, numerous Legislator of the Year  
30 Awards, a Technology Leader Award, a Distinguished Legislator  
31 Award, a Distinguished Service Award, two President's  
32 Recognition Awards, a Distinguished Alumnus Award, and, *along*  
33 *with his wife Debbie*, a 2007 Distinguished Service Award ~~with~~  
34 ~~his wife Debbie~~; and

35 WHEREAS, Poochigian was a highly respected leader in  
36 Sacramento and a staunch advocate for sound fiscal planning,  
37 living within our means, and ensuring that the people of central  
38 California received a fair share of infrastructure funding, including  
39 the distribution of moneys for transportation and school  
40 construction; and

WHEREAS, Poochigian authored numerous bills that involved comprehensive reform and required bipartisan consensus, including laws dealing with the expansion of higher education opportunities, special education funding, workers' compensation system reform, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Poochigian worked tirelessly to support the rights of crime victims and their families, led the fight against identity theft, worked to protect children from dangerous sexual predators, authored bills to incarcerate ~~felons with persons who commit felonies using~~ firearms, and was an advocate for tough penalties for repeat offenders; and

WHEREAS, Poochigian's reputation for strong leadership and hard work was recognized by the California Journal magazine, which ranked him Assembly Republican "Rookie of the Year" for 1996, and he was also ranked among the top five legislators in the 80-member State Assembly in the following separate categories: effectiveness, integrity, intelligence, problem solving, potential, and overall; and

WHEREAS, In ratings released in March of 1998, Poochigian was recognized as one of the top five Assembly Members in the categories of integrity and hard work, in the June 1999 California Journal he was described as "A voice of reason highly respected for his problem-solving skills," and in August of 2004, the California Journal selected him as the Senate recipient of its "Minnie Award" for integrity; and

WHEREAS, Senator Poochigian now practices law with the Fresno-based firm of Dowling, Aaron and & Keeler; now ~~therefore~~, *therefore*, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the section of State Highway Route 180 between Clovis Avenue and General Grant Grove Park, in the County of Fresno, as the Senator ~~Charles S. Chuck~~ Poochigian Highway; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2     this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
- 3     author for appropriate distribution.

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